



Along The Freedom Trail

Venture along our scenic back roads and learn a bit about the area's rich Underground Railroad heritage.

Day 1

Morning

Start at the **Historic Tower Tree Square** in the heart of Downtown Greensburg. The Decatur County Courthouse is not just the home of the Tree on the Tower but was the site of **the case: State of Indiana vs. Luther Donnell**. Mr. Donnell himself (thanks to a re-enactor) will tell you how he came to be sued by a Kentucky slave owner for loss of property (Caroline and her four children), as well as, how the case turned out. You'll get the chance to see the Tree as well as a bit of the courthouse!



Group heads from the courthouse and splits into two. **Group 1** will head to Jean's for a class in a **make it and take it quilt block**. You will make a block from this unique time and take it home with you. **Group 2** will head to the **historical society for a tour** of its new facility which is home to many artifacts from the UGRR including portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Donnell donated by his descendants.

Lunch

Lunch at **Storie's**. Enjoy a home-style Hoosier meal with fresh pie that would make Grandma proud.

Afternoon

Driving tour of Kingston/Springhill will take you to the heart of the county that was **active in the Underground Railroad**. Step-on Guides will discuss the regions activities including the formation of the first Anti-Slavery Society in Indiana.

Check into hotel and freshen up.

Evening

Head to the **Strauther Pleak Round Barn** where you'll tour the restored round barn and learn its history and how its role in agriculture has evolved to today!

Dinner is served in the barn with entertainment by area fiddlers!

Back to the hotel where you can relax or take in a late show at the theatre.

Day 2

Morning

Continental Breakfast at the Hotel and check-out. Board the your next stop.

Arrive in historic **Vernon**. Miss Susan will meet you and Be your guide on a walking tour of this unique town!

Leave Vernon for Commiskey and the **Stream Cliff Herb Farm**. Tour the shops and gardens at this historic 1821 homestead! The gardens, laid out in quilt blocks, are a great place for a photo of you and your friends.

Lunch

Enjoy lunch in the **Twigs and Sprigs Tea Room** or in the adjoining **Garden Room** at Stream Cliff Herb Farm.

Afternoon

Leave for Ripley County. Arrive in Versailles.

There you'll meet **Stephen Harding**, portrayed by a re-enactor. You will hear a traditional stump anti-slavery speech by this attorney and anti-slavery advocate!

Head to **Union Flat Rock Church** where you'll hear area residents share the stories that have been handed down over the years!

Evening

Leave for Napoleon where you'll dine at **Bonaparte's Retreat**. Leave for Seymour. Check-in and rest for the night.



Day 3

Morning

Continental Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Board the bus and travel a short distance to the newly renovated **Southern Indiana Railroad Freight House** and home to the Jackson County Visitor Center. This area, the center of railroad activity in Seymour, was at one time home to three different railway lines, a roundhouse repair shop, the Adams Express Company, and the interurban.



Step on board as we travel back in time to April 14, 1860 when **Alexander McClure**, a slave living in from Nashville, Tennessee, arranged for himself to be boxed and shipped to "Hannah M. Johnson" in care of Levi Coffin in Cincinnati, Ohio. Listen to a re-enactor tell of the perilous flight of Alexander McClure in his quest for freedom. Hear what happened after the box carrying Alexander being transferred to another rail line in Seymour broke open and he was revealed.

While visiting the freight house you'll have the opportunity to view a pictorial exhibit of **Jackson County's railway history**. Learn how the railroad was instrumental in the founding of Seymour!

Step back on board the motor coach and tour the **Quaker Cemeteries** of Jackson County.

Lunch

Your lunch destination, **The Chocolate Spoon**, is just a short drive from the freight house. You will delight in the home-style lunches served with Southern Indiana hospitality. The café offers a variety of lunch menus including homemade soups and sandwiches. Don't forget to pick up a sweet treat for the ride home. **Enjoy your trip home!**

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